



Luke 9:59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." **60** And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." (ESV)

1. See the _____ (v.59)

2. Be Ready for _____ (v.60a)

3. Clarify _____ (v.60b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Genesis 1:27-28**. What are some of the blessings and advantages your parents, spouse, or children have provided to your Christian life and spiritual growth?
2. Read **Matthew 10:37**. In our last study we sought to understand what it means to "enjoy" the good *things* God has provides without allowing them to become our idols (cf. 1Tim.6:17-19). What makes this so much more difficult when the good "things" are people – specifically, the members of our family?
3. Read **Exodus 20:3**. Describe a situation when the interests of a family member came in conflict with God's biblical commands regarding your Christian life? How did you manage that conflict?
4. Read **Mark 3:20-21**. What are the kinds of loyalties and commitments to God and his work that can prompt your family members to think that your Christian life is "over the top"?
5. Read **Luke 10:38-42**. What advice would you give someone who is trying to find that godly balance between his or her biblical domestic obligations to family, while spiritually keeping first things first?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

February 15th

Lev.20-21 & Mt.28:1-20

February 16th

Lev.22-23 & Mk.1:1-22

February 17th

Lev.24-25 & Mk.1:23-45

February 18th

Lev.26-27 & Mk.2

February 19th

Num.1-2 & Mk.3:1-21

February 20th

Num.3-4 & Mk.3:22-35

February 21st

Num.5-6 & Mk.4:1-20

February 22nd

Num.7 & Mk.4:21-41

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 12-42 – **Simeon on the Polarizing Effect of Jesus Christ**

Msg. 13-01 – **Priorities in Tension: Learning from the Perfect Twelve-Year-Old**

Msg. 11-02 – **A Radically Different Identity**

Msg. 08-27 – **David's Courage: A Template of Heroic Faith**

Msg. 14-24 – **Your Fraternity of Hearers**

Msg. 13-28 – **When You're Ridiculed for Christ**

Msg. 11-01 – **Crystal Clear About Why We Serve**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

#FatalExcuses

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Beale, G. K. **We Become What We Worship: A Biblical Theology of Idolatry**. InterVarsity Press, 2008.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **The Cost of Discipleship**. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.

Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.

Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century**. Baker Books, 1996.

Lawson, Steven. **The Evangelistic Zeal of George Whitefield**. Reformation Trust Publishing, 2014.

MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to Jesus**. Zondervan, 1988.

McKeehan, Toby & Mark Heimermann. **Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus**. Albury Publishing, 1999.

Morgan, Christopher. **Suffering and the Goodness of God**. Crossway, 2008.

Priolo, Lou. **Picking Up the Pieces: Recovering from Broken Relationships**. P & R Publishing, 2012.

Sande, Ken. **Resolving Everyday Conflicts**. Baker Books, 2011.

Sanders, J. Oswald. **Spiritual Discipleship**. Moody Press, 1994.

Thoennes, K. Erik. **Godly Jealousy: A Theology of Intolerant Love**. Christian Focus Publications, 2005.

Thomas, Derek, ed. **Zeal for Godliness**. EP Books, 2012.

Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.